

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING PRIORITY
AMONG MULTIPLE MOBILE COMPUTING DEVICES TO
CONTROL AN APPLIANCE**

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Abstract of the Disclosure

A method of controlling an appliance comprises controlling the appliance
with at least one of a plurality of mobile computing devices and establishing
priority of control over the appliance between the plurality of mobile computing
10 devices using a priority rule.

An appliance control system comprises at least one appliance, a first mobile
computing device and a second mobile computing device, each of which
includes a priority contention moderator configured for determining and
awarding priority over control of the appliance to one of the first and second
15 computing devices.